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Environmental Protection Agency
11201 Renner Blvd.
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Your agency needs to have a surprise inspection of A-Tec Recycling at 5745 NE 17th Street Des Moines Iowa

Schedule it first thing in the morning, at eight o'clock. Do not let them know you are coming, and do not let them distract your inspector. Have him/her go straight to the PCB holding area.

On a normal day your inspector should find the PCB barrels scattered outside the berm and open. They should also find loose and sometimes leaking PCB ballasts and capacitors that have arrived and have not been processed for sometimes several weeks at a time.

The same with mercury containing items. Your inspector should find items containing mercury just laying loose and not properly stored or processed.

The same with lead-acid, lithium, ni-cad, and alkaline batteries.

Whenever an inspector arrives, the owner or a supervisor typically distracts them while the employees are scrambling to correct the deficiencies before the inspector leaves the office. The inspector never gets to see how the storage and processing is normally done.

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